



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Minoru USUI, et al.

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Examiner: M. Nghiem

For: INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figs. 1, 6, 7(a), and 13 with the enclosed proposed drawing corrections.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification:

Page 2, delete the second paragraph and insert:

Further, when a large air bubble F enters the filter chamber D during the ink loading process, the air bubble F adversely affects the flow of ink, and the difference in the pressures between the upstream and the downstream sides of the filter E is increased.

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